

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 7011

By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Ike Gibson upon  
receiving the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award.

WHEREAS, from time to time, certain citizens of this fine state rise above their peers to stand proud in their volunteerism and dedication to their fellow citizens, exceeding the norm to serve as beacons of light and goodness in this world; and

WHEREAS, Ike Gibson is one such individual who recently recieved the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award, which honors outstanding adult and youth volunteers throughout Tennessee and is one of the highest recognitions in the state; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gibson is a deserving recipient of this noble award, which recognizes his volunteerism in leading the Of One Accord Ministry in Hancock County; and

WHEREAS, under Mr. Gibson's headship, this ministry has given out some \$500,000 worth of goods and services to the residents of Hancock County by distributing nearly a quarter of a million pounds of food to nearly a third of the county households each year, performing home repairs, providing an emergency fund for low income families, sponsoring clubs and activities, distributing eyeglasses, and holding youth crusades, a youth fun-filled day called Spring Fest, and health fairs; and

WHEREAS, since Mr. Gibson began his service at the Of One Accord Ministry in Hancock County in 1998, this remarkable organization has outgrown two facilities, and in 2008, the Cash 'N Tote building was purchased to serve as the Ministry's headquarters for county activities; and

WHEREAS, it has been reported that every year 1.2 million Tennessee volunteers give more than 147.3 million hours of service, contributing \$3.2 billion to Tennessee's economy; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gibson, being one such selfless volunteer, is wholly deserving of this award, and it is entirely fitting that he gain the formal recognition of this Body honoring him for this achievement; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that that we honor and commend Ike Gibson upon his receipt of the Governor's Volunteer Stars award and extend our deepest appreciation to him for his dedication and service to the citizens of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.